- court which in all criminal actions shall have the jurisdiction of a
- justice of the peace court and a mayor's court. It shall be a court of
- record, and have a seal to be provided by the council, with the name of
- the state in the center and the style of the court around the margin.
- It shall be held in suitable rooms to be provided by the city, and

shall always be open for business.

[C. C. 3516, 3584, modified.]

That section three thousand five hundred eighty-seven (3587) of the compiled code of Iowa is amended, revised and codified to read as follows:

- Jurisdiction of mayor. In cities having a superior, munic-
- ipal or police court, such court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all 3 actions or prosecutions for violation of city ordinances. In other
- cities and towns, the mayor shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all
- actions or prosecutions for violations of city or town ordinances, and
- shall have, in criminal matters, the jurisdiction of a justice of the 6
- peace, coextensive with the county, and in civil cases, the jurisdiction
- within the city or town that a justice of the peace has within the 8
- township. If the mayor or judge of the superior, municipal, or police 9
- court is absent or unable to act, the nearest justice of the peace shall 10
- have jurisdiction and hold court in criminal cases, and receive the 11
- 12 statutory fees, to be paid by the city or county as the case may be.

[C. C. 3587, modified.]

- SEC. 3. Transfer of case—fees. When an information is filed before the mayor for the violation of an ordinance of the city or town,
- 3 he may, upon his own motion only, at any time before trial, transfer
- 4 the case for further proceedings to any justice of the peace court
- 5 within such city or town, and such justice of the peace shall have
- 6 jurisdiction thereof to the same extent and with the same power as
- the mayor. The fees taxable after the transfer of the case, fixed by
- ordinance, shall be paid by the city or town to such justice.

[C. C. 3587.]

Approved March 9, A. D. 1923.

CHAPTER 258

MUNICIPAL PARKS

S. F. 159

AN ACT to amend, revise and codify sections three thousand six hundred sixty-seven (3667), three thousand six hundred eighty-five (3685), and three thousand six hundred eighty-six (3686), of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to municipal corporations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That sections three thousand six hundred sixty-seven (3667), three thousand six hundred eighty-five (3685), and three thousand six hundred eighty-six (3686) of the compiled code of Iowa are amended, revised and codified to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Tax levy. The board shall, on or before the first day of August of each year, determine and fix the amount or rate not exceeding two and one-half (2½) mills on the dollar in all cities and towns on the taxable valuation of such city or town, to be levied, collected, and appropriated for the ensuing year, for general park purposes, and shall cause the same to be certified to the city council, which shall levy such tax or so much thereof as it may deem necessary to promote park interests, and certify the per cent thereof to the county auditor, with the other taxes for said year.

[C. C. 3667, modified.]

Approved February 24, A. D., 1923.

CHAPTER 259

RIVER FRONT COMMISSION

S. F. 161

AN ACT to amend, revise and codify sections three thousand seven hundred seven (3707) and three thousand seven hundred eight (3708) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to municipal corporations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That sections three thousand seven hundred seven (3707) and three thousand seven hundred eight (3708) of the compiled code of Iowa are amended, revised and codified to read as follows:

- Title to river bed-lost boundary lines. When said commissioners have been so appointed and qualified, the fee simple title to the bed of the meandered stream, separating the corporate limits of the city for which they are appointed, shall immediately vest in the commission in trust for the public, and the same while held by the commission shall be exempt from taxation; but the fee title to the channel or bed of the stream to be located and preserved as hereinafter provided shall remain in the state; and the vested rights of riparian owners and owners of water powers, shall not be injuriously affected by this chapter. Where the original boundary 10 lines separating the land under the control of said commission from 11 the land of the state or of any adjoining landowner, or the monuments 12 marking the same have been lost, destroyed, or in dispute, said com-13 missioners may proceed to have said boundary lines established as disputed corners and boundaries are established.
 - [C. C. 3707.]

SEC. 2. Powers. Said commission may redeem lands between the meandered lines of such stream, construct, regulate and maintain dams across such streams, provide for and protect, by secure walls or banks, a channel adequate to carry flood waters of a volume equal to all reasonable expectations, based on past experience, and the area drained by such stream, according to expert authority; beautify such walls or banks; and park so much thereof as public interest may re-